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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I wish to express my concerns in the FCC's proposals that would negatively affect our local radio station, Barry Broadcasting Company (WBCH).

I think it is important for you to realize that WBCH is a small local radio station that devotes important airtime to local activities and community events. They are often our first link to school closings and athletic events. They announce City functions, such as parades, Summerfest activities, Jazzfest, storm alerts, siren testing, City wide leaf pickup with updates every morning letting the citizens know where they are working, and scouting events. They also sponsor the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Fourth of July activities, and Veteran's Day activities.

As you can see, WBCH dedicates a great majority of their time to public service needs. I suggest to you that WBCH is a vital link to our community that can not be burdened with increased financial burdens that could limit their community involvement and hurt our community.

Sincerely,

Robert L. May, Mayor